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Applicants: Kunihiro Yamamoto, et al.
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For: IMAGE RETRIEVAL METHOD AND APPARATUS
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

- 1) **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.
- 2) **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this Amendment.

John J. Torrente
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